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SUBJ: UN ADMINISTRATION: STATUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL CIVIL
SERVICE COMMISSION (ICSC)

1. NIGHT OF DEC 13, UNGA FIFTH COMITE APPROVED AMENDMENT TO
ARTICLE 22 OF DRAFT STATUTE FOR ICSC (A/C.5/L.1217) CHANGING
SITE FROM GENEVA TO NEW YORK BY VOTE OF 47(US)-15(UK,
FRANCE, SOV BLOC)-22. STATUTE AS WHOLE THEN APPROVED BY
85(US)-0-2(MALAWI, BANGLADESH).

2. DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/C.5/L.1215) WAS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

3. MOVE TO SHIFT SITE BEGAN WITH CRITICISM
DEC 12 BY ALGERIAN DEL (BOUZYAD AGHA) OF "NEFARIOUS INFLUENCES"
IN GENEVA AND SUGGESTED THAT ANOTHER CITY SUCH AS MONTREAL
BE CONSIDERED. AFTER HIS STATEMENT WE PROMPTLY ASKED
BOUAYAD AGHA IF HE WOULD AGREE TO NEW YORK AND HE REPLIED
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THAT HE WOULD "PLAY YOUR GAME." A QUICK SURVEY OF LAS

AND AFRO-ASIANS REVEALED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SUCH A MOVE. AT MORNING MEETING DEC 13 ALGERIAN DEL INTRODUCED HIS AMENDMENT WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY DEL OF UPPER VOLTA, UK DEL (HILLIS) AND FRENCH DEL (NAUDY) OPPOSED CHANGE. SOVIETS TOLD US INFORMALLY THAT WHILE THEY WERE SYMPATHETIC TO ALGERIAN AMENDMENT THEY COULD NOT GET THEIR INSTRUCTIONS CHANGED IN TIME.

4. COMMENT: AMENDMENT SUCCEEDED FOR SEVERAL REASONS. SOME DELS SAID THAT GENEVA WAS TOO EXPENSIVE AND NEW YORK WOULD COST UN MUCH LESS. ARAB STATES, WHO IN PAST WERE GENERALLY HOSTILE TO NEW YORK IN SUCH MATTERS, WERE ANNOYED WITH SWISS FOR UNESCO STAND AND ACCORDINGLY REVERSED THEIR USUAL POSITION. FINALLY, THERE WAS SOME REACTION TO AGITATION BY STAFF GROUPS IN GENEVA AND CONCERN THAT ICSC WOULD BE TOO SUBJECT TO PRESSURES IN GENEVA UNLIKE MUCH "CALMER" SITUATION IN NEW YORK.
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